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Public Citizen's Climate and Energy Program – Advocacy and Research Internship

Public Citizen's Climate and Energy Program was founded in 1974 to oppose nuclear power and promote cleaner, safer energy alternatives. Our work now also includes advocating for policies and regulations that address climate change. We strive to enhance worker safety and environmental safeguards; protect consumers by promoting strong regulations; and hold corporations accountable. Our work involves organizing on the state and national level, researching and writing studies, monitoring relevant government agencies, lobbying members of Congress, testifying in Congressional hearings, and working with the press and citizen groups nationwide. To learn more about our work, visit our website at <http://www.citizen.org>.

The Climate and Energy advocacy and research internship is designed to provide a better understanding of the role of public interest activism within the field of climate and energy policy and regulation. The position is designed to give a broad experience influencing U.S. Congress, administrative agencies and the public as well as varied activities to build a background in public interest policy and advocacy work.

Possible issue areas for internship placement are: carbon and methane regulations, fossil fuel extraction on public lands, nuclear waste and good government and transparency.

Internship - Summer 2016

Responsibilities:

- Using social media to promote our messaging, issues and action online. Including regularly posting on our social media platforms. Potential projects include creating graphics and memes relevant to our campaign work.
- Assisting with the development of education and advocacy materials.
- Providing research assistance on various climate and energy topics.
- Providing a wide range of administrative support including database management, data entry, copying, phone banking, errands to Capitol Hill, and other tasks as assigned.

Supervision: Intern will be supervised by the Outreach Director. Given the nature of our work, it is important that interns have the ability and the desire to work independently.

Qualifications: Strong research and writing skills; good communication skills; some knowledge of the political/policy making process; and non-profit volunteer or other experience. Interns must be self-starters who are committed to the protection of the environment and consumers and preferably are activist oriented.

Prefer: Experience with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Access), Google drive, and social media platforms. We expect interns to be efficient, responsible workers.

Duration: At least 8 weeks, full- or part-time, to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. This is an unpaid internship and we will accommodate those who are working throughout the course of their internship with flexible scheduling.

Location: Our office is on Capitol Hill, about two blocks from the U.S. Capitol, across the street from the Library of Congress. METRO accessible.

Deadline: Rolling until filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

To Apply: Send cover letter (including your availability and why you are interested in Public Citizen's climate and energy work); your resume; and a short writing sample to Allison Fisher - Public Citizen's Energy Program Outreach Director (afisher(at)citizen.org). Put "summer internship" in the subject of your email.